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RULING ISSUED ON HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE FIRE

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the Hancock County Fire Department has ruled an early morning fire at the Hancock County Courthouse undetermined.

The fire, which broke out around 3 a.m. today, destroyed the 130-year-old historic building located at 40 Court House Square in Sparta, Commissioner Hudgens said. Damage was estimated at more than \$5.5 million.

While fire investigators were unable to determine the exact cause of the fire, they found no evidence of foul play.